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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at [socotransmission.com](http://www.socotransmission.com).

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Historic and Cultural Sites, Radio or Television Interference, Noise, Health and Safety, Biological Resources, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

Property Uses:

Residential

Comment:

Subject: Colorado Transmission Lines

Please don't take this late response to the proposed corridor as a lack of concern. It is due to lack of knowledge about the impending construction that will destroy the most valued property my family has ever owned.

I-248-001 | If I had not been contacted by a neighbor, I would still be unaware of plans to run your transmission
I-248-002 | line across property that has been in our family since 1997. The impact will affect the aesthetic, social, environmental and the economic value of the property. Three generations of family have enjoyed and worked to develop the property and had many more plans for the future. The property wasn't bought as any investment in anything other than a great retreat for family to retire to and vacation at for years to come. So many guests have marveled at the beauty and tranquility of the area and expressed how fortunate we are to have such a place.

I-248-003 | We had always believed that sections of Highway 160, including ours, were considered a "scenic corridor" and development was limited because of that determination. Most recently, even cell phone towers were challenged and considered unsightly.

I-248-004 | In studying the map information and legend on the web-site, [socotransmission.com](http://www.socotransmission.com), I am confused in that no homes or buildings are shown in the LaVeta Acres subdivision. The plat used must be over 20 years old. All tracts are at least 35 acres, and most have had improvements for years. I think you may have underestimated the number of owners with improved property that will be affected by the transmission lines. It is of interest to note that the transmission lines cross to the north side of Highway 160 west of LaVeta Pass and do not dissect the Forbes development.

I-248-005 | Not only do I protest the towers and scar that will be so visible across our property, I can't imagine living under such highly charged lines and the electromagnetic field that radiates from them. The
I-248-006 | wildlife that we have so enjoyed for years will disappear. In fact, you will be destroying an
I-248-007 | irreplaceable property. It's ironic that as a tax payer, I will ultimately be asked to subsidize the
I-248-008 |

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I-248-001: Public Involvement Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The project is in the planning and environmental review stages. Current project information will be available on the RUS project website, <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> and the Utilities' project website, <http://www.socotransmission.com/>.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-248-002: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-248-003: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to visual and aesthetic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-248-004: Correction to Data (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The information you provided will be verified and project materials will be updated accordingly.

I-248-008

destruction of my property and the building of the transmission lines through the use of government funds to finance the project.

It would be difficult to overemphasize my concern at learning of your plans, and I can only assure you that any taking of our property will be done through condemnation and the proceedings that follow.

If possible, I would appreciate some acknowledgement that this e-mail has been received.

Respectfully,

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I-248-005: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-248-006: Electrical Characteristics (In Review)

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-248-007: Wildlife (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to wildlife from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-248-008: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

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noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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